

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 12th
day of July, 2016.

In the Matter of an Investigation of Missouri-American)	
Water Company with Respect to Certain Issues)	File No. WO-2017-0012
Disclosed During the Recent Rate Case)	

ORDER OPENING AN INVESTIGATION

Issue Date: July 12, 2016

Effective Date: July 12, 2016

On July 7, 2016, the Commission's Staff and Missouri-American Water Company filed a joint motion asking the Commission to open an investigation into two issues that arose in Missouri-American's recent rate case, WR-2015-0301. The issues to be investigated are faulty water meters and the practice of maintaining negative reserve balances. The joint motion explains that the approved stipulation and agreement that resolved some of the issues in that rate case provided for the proposed investigation and required Missouri-American to fully participate and cooperate in the investigation.

The Commission will open this case to facilitate that investigation. In addition, an open case will afford Staff an opportunity to report to the Commission as appropriate.

This is only a fact-finding investigation and is not a contested case. The Commission will not take any action regarding Missouri-American's practices within the confines of this investigation. If the investigation reveals that any such action is appropriate, Staff may file a formal complaint or other appropriate pleading within a new file to institute contested case procedures.

Since this investigation arose from the rate case in which many parties participated, other persons and entities may wish to take part in the investigation. Staff may decide for itself the extent to which such persons or entities should be allowed to participate in the investigation.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Commission's Staff shall undertake an investigation of Missouri-American Water Company regarding faulty water meters and the practice of maintaining negative reserve balances.
2. The Commission's data center shall provide a copy of this order to all parties on the Service List for File No. WR-2015-0301.
3. Staff shall file a progress report regarding its investigation no later than September 12, 2016.
4. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Hall, Chm., Stoll, Kenney,
Rupp, and Coleman, CC., concur.

Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law Judge